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Dear Sir:

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination and further Responsive to the Communication dated April 19, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated August 19, 2005, please consider the following amendments and remarks.